

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Mike Pence, Chairman of the American Energy Solutions Group, joined House Republican leaders today in introducing a Resolution of Disapproval on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) carbon dioxide endangerment finding, which would establish a backdoor national energy tax:



"Families across America and across the state of Indiana are struggling to pay their bills and the last thing they need is higher energy costs, yet that is precisely what the EPA's endangerment finding would cause. This finding is nothing more than a backdoor national energy tax that will cap growth and trade jobs.

"Raising the cost of energy is a bad idea in prosperous times. Raising a national energy tax, through the front or the back door, in the midst of the worst recession in a generation is a profoundly bad idea.

"It has been rushed out the door by this Administration and the EPA, without regard to its overall economic impacts and despite the EPA's own acknowledgement that their proposal will cause job losses in the United States. Now more than ever, with the national unemployment rate hovering around 10 percent, the EPA's actions must be opposed."

NOTE:

The resolution of disapproval would prevent the implementation of job-killing regulations posed by the Obama administration. These regulations are premised on the EPA's recent endangerment finding and would make carbon dioxide - something that is necessary to sustain life on earth - a regulated pollutant under the Clean Air Act.

Under the endangerment finding - and the regulatory and legal red tape that flow from this expansion of government into our economic lives - the pace of U.S. economic growth will be stifled by the EPA and its controversial enforcement of environmental laws. In time, the new permitting and pollution control rules for these entities would potentially affect millions of very small sources of GHG emissions - office buildings, hotels, restaurants, hospitals, churches, farms and other small businesses.